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SUBJECT: TAIYUAN WALL POSTERS ATTACK PROVINCIAL LEADERS

1. UK EMBOFF TOM PRESTON, WHILE FLYING TO SIAN WHERE HE WAS TO JOIN ROYAL SOCIETY DELEGATION CURRENTLY TOURING CHINA, WAS RECENTLY STRANDED IN TAIYUAN BY WEATHER CONDITIONS. WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THE PLANE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROCEED TO SIAN, PRESTON CONVINCED CHINESE IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT HE CONTINUE BY TRAIN. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, HE WAS ACCOMPANIED TO THE TAIYUAN RAILROAD STATION WHICH WAS COVERED WITH WALL POSTERS OF RECENT VINTAGE. AS DESCRIBED TO US BY ANOTHER UK EMBOFF, THESE WERE THE MAIN THEMES: "RESOLUTLY CARRY OUT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S DIRECTIVE ON THE PROBLEM IN SHANSI." "SUPPORT SHEN YUNG-KUEI'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE ON TACHAI", AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, "STRIKE DOWN HSIAO CHEN-HUA AND TS'AO CHUNG-NAN. THEY MUST CONFESS THEIR CRIMES OF OPPOSING CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE."

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2. ONE POSTER FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO READY EXPLANATION

WAS ONE CONDEMNING THE "28 BLACK MEETING". THE POSTER USED ARABIC NUMERALS AND WAS WRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO REFER TO FEBRUARY 8. THE "BLACK MEETING" COULD ALSO BE A "BLACK ORGANIZATION" SINCE THE CHARACTERS WERE HEI HUEI.

3. COMMENT: HSIAO CHEN-HUA AND TS'AO CHUNG-NAN ARE CHAIRMAN AND A VICE-CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY OF THE SHANSI PARTY COMMITTEE AND BOTH ARE MILITARY MEN. HSIAO IS ALSO REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY DISTRICT. THIS IS THE CLEAREST EVIDENCE WE HAVE SEEN THAT THESE TWO FIGURES ARE UNDER ATTACK AND PROBABLY FIGURE IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE THE SHANSI OPERA "THRICE ASCENDING PEACH MOUNTAIN".
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